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**HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE SWORN IN AS DIRECTOR OF U.S. MINT**

Henrietta Holsman Fore was sworn in today as Director of the U.S. Mint by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Aug. 3.

As Director of the Mint, Fore will oversee the agency's primary mission, which is to produce an adequate volume of circulating coinage for the nation to conduct its trade and commerce.

The Mint also is responsible for the annual production of 14-20 billion circulating coins; distributing U.S. coins to the Federal Reserve banks and branches; maintaining physical custody and protection of the Nation's \$100 billion of U.S. gold and silver assets; producing proof and uncirculated coins, commemorative coins, and medals for sale to the general public; manufacturing and selling platinum, gold, and silver bullion coins; oversight of production facilities; and receiving, redeeming, and processing mutilated coins.

Previously, Fore was Chairman and CEO of Holsman International, an investment and management company, and Chairman and President of Stockton Products, a manufacturer and distributor of steel products, cement additives, and wire building materials for the U.S. and European construction industry.

Fore most recently served on the Corporate Board of the New York Stock Exchange-listed Dexter Corporation, Windsor Locks, CT, and HSB Group Inc., Hartford, CT.

In addition to her private sector experience, Fore held presidential appointments within the U.S. Agency for International Development as Assistant Administrator for Asia (1991 - 1993) and Assistant Administrator for Private Enterprise (1990 - 1991). She founded and served, from 1991 to 1993, as the first Chairman of the U.S. - Asia Environmental Partnership, a coalition of business, government and community organizations in the United States and 31 Asian nations.

Fore was a Trustee and Executive Committee member at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She has specialized in international business and privatization; Asian trade and economic policy; technology cooperation; international finance; environmental policy reform; U.S. bilateral and multilateral development assistance, and women's leadership.

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Fore served on the Executive Committee of the Aspen Institute Board of Trustees. She recently was Chairman of the Audit Committee. For several years, she moderated values-based Leadership Seminars and mentored Henry Crown Fellows at the Aspen Institute.

In addition, Fore served as a Trustee and Director of National Public Radio Foundation, Washington, DC, Asia Society, New York, NY, The Asia Foundation, San Francisco, CA, Institute of the Americas, La Jolla, CA, US Committee - Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (USPECC), Washington, DC, and National Foundation for Women Business Owners in Washington, DC.

In 1997, Fore received the *Women Redefining Leadership* award at the State of the World Forum in San Francisco, CA. She has been a member of Chief Executives Organization (CEO), World Presidents' Organization (WPO), The Committee of 200, the Wellesley Business Leadership Council, International Women's Forum, and the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD).

Fore earned a bachelor's degree in history from Wellesley College and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. She studied International Politics at Oxford University and studied at Stanford University Graduate School of Business. She is married and resides in Washington, DC, and Nevada.